



The Pointer

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13, MEMBERSHIP MEETING at VILLAGE GRILLE

16930 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe; Parking & Private Entry Door in Rear

General Meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Meet and Greet at 6 p.m.

New-Member Orientation starts at 5:30 p.m.

AMISH QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING!



Annual SIGP Holiday Dinner

Our Holiday Dinner will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 6:30 PM at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Marchiori Catering is providing the dinner and the cost will be \$30, including non-alcoholic beverages (cash bar). This is a lovely end-of-year get-together of our SIGP Club members. There will be no December general membership meeting.

Bette Lepouttre and Mary Ellen Burke, SIGP Treasurers, will be collecting your \$30 payment by cash or check before December 4, 2019. Please bring your money to the November 13, meeting, or mail it to either one of them. **THANKS!**

SI President's Appeal Raffle

An optional donation of a holiday decoration, a serving piece, glassware, or a decorative item is what makes the raffle so interesting. These like-new items can come from your own stash, or you can purchase an item for the. Drop off donations at Nancy Solak's house, 458 Cloverly, through December 10, or bring them the night of the dinner.

Raffle tickets for \$1 each will be sold before the Holiday Dinner, at which time you can choose which items you want to bid on. During dessert, the items will be raffled off. If you win, you will go home with the gift of your choice for yourself, family member or friend. The proceeds support the SI President's Project, "The Road to Equality."

Short-term volunteer opportunities



♦ **SIGP HOLIDAY DINNER: NEEDED:** Holiday cookies to share for dessert. Should you like to **volunteer your special homemade treats**, please contact Maddy Colavito (509-551-1695 or ormjeffs@frontier.com) **no later than December 6**, so we'll know what to expect the night of the party. We would greatly appreciate 2-3 dozen of each cookie on plates or trays if possible. **NO cream-filled cookies that require refrigeration.**



- ♦ **SIGP HOLIDAY DINNER: NEEDED:** **One volunteer** to help Anne Schwartz and Peggy Hart who will manage the raffle again this year. Contact Peggy if you are interested.
- ♦ **SIGP HOLIDAY DINNER: NEEDED:** **Two volunteers** to set up donated items on the tables provided by Assumption Cultural Center. (They will already have tablecloths on them.) Contact Mary Ellen Burke.

SHOPPING FOR THE CHILDREN AT POSITIVE IMAGES

At the November meeting a listing of the children of Positive Images' clients will be circulated. Participation is voluntary but if you select a child to buy for: Here's how we do it...



Clothing and a toy valued at \$25 each is the general guideline for shopping. Generally, we buy outfits: i.e., a sweater and pants for both boys and girls. We tend to shop at Marshall's or TJ Maxx to get the most for our dollar.

If you do not have time to shop, but would like to donate money, you can do so by giving your donation or check to Diana Langlois or Mary Ellen Burke. If you write a check, make it payable to **SIGP**. Average donation is \$50.

IMPORTANT: We will be shopping on MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 and TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

ANOTHER FUN WORK/SOCIALIZE GET-TOGETHER

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES and TOYS will be organized to bring to the Positive Images Holiday Party

On WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Diana's

NEEDED: Seven+ members to organize clothes, *remove tags*, sort clothes by gender and size.

Afterward, you can hang around and munch on snacks, have something to drink and socialize.

Clothes and toys may be **dropped off** on Diana's porch any day **after FRIDAY, November 29**. Please put your name and child's gender and size on your donation so it can be checked off on the database. Remove all tags

(More volunteer opportunities on next page)

Next SIGP Board Meeting Thursday, November 7, 2019, Mary Ellen's condo, 6:30 p.m.

Short-term volunteer opportunities continued from previous page

50 Baskets for the **HOLIDAY PARTY for POSITIVE IMAGES**

will be assembled at Diana's house on

Wednesday, December 4 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



Baskets prepared in 2018

At least **6-7 members** are needed to assemble and wrap the baskets. Sign up at the November meeting or text Diana that you are coming!

This enjoyable evening of camaraderie and giving is lots of fun.

Donations of small like-new household items, lotions, small decorations, scarves, etc. are always welcome for the baskets. Like-new Christmas decorations are welcome to give the baskets a holiday flare.

Helpers needed at the Positive Images Christmas Store on Saturday, December 14



The **CHRISTMAS STORE** where Positive Images clients come to “shop” for their children is **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 from 9:00 – 1:00 at 4875 Coplin**, the residence building. (If you can't stay the whole time, that is ok!)

- ◆ Members are invited to help with the Positive Images Holiday Party. It is hosted at 4875 Coplin St., Detroit, which is the Positive Images residence where women have their apartments and can live there for up to four months. Come to see the facility and meet some of the clients and staff!
- ◆ Please sign the clip board at the November meeting if you can help at this event or let Diana know that you are coming.

THANKS SO VERY MUCH!

In the Spirit of the Best for women

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UPDATE: Clothing Room at Positive Images

It is with sadness that I tell you that the Clothing Room at Positive Images is closing until further notice. The condition of the roof has caused extensive water damage to the building and is a serious problem that can no longer be overlooked. It is estimated that the roof repair would be \$100,000!!! The possibility of moving the Clothing Room into the Coplin building is being discussed as this newsletter goes to press. **We are NOT accepting any further donations until further notice.**

Hats off to Jean Kroll, Peggy Hart, Mary Ellen Brayton, Kathy Thomas and Nancy Kelley for their tireless effort to create a clothing boutique that was so fashionable and accessible to the women of Positive Images! Ladies, you're the best!!! **They thank you, our members, for your generosity in donating clothing!**

— Diana Langlois

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NOVEMBER — Happy Birthday to ...

Marlane Washington, November 2

Roseanne Horne, November 6

Anita Sandercott, November 6

Vicki Granger, November 8

Sarah Sheppard, November 9



CORRECTION: Last month two of the members at right were misidentified. The editor apologizes for the error.

Once a year SIGP celebrates those who hit a "ZERO" (decade) birthday.

Pictured at right are:

Mary Clare Toffanetti, Mary Ellen Burke, Katherine Baetz and Karen Klein.



Photo by Karrie Blankenship

Not pictured, but also celebrating zero birthdays this year are: Laurie Jost, Rasheda Williams, Sarah Sheppard, Mary Bryk and Hiromi Sano. May you all enjoy a happy and healthy New Decade!



#1 holiday hack:

When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

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Shop with Amazon and support SIGP!

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases back to our organization. Use the link below when doing your holiday shopping or go to [http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-6099835](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-6099835) and search for Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe.

Supporting SIGP has never been easier!

Two Sales: One VIRTUAL, One LIVE garners funds for scholarships

Best "Staged" garage sale ever! A big thanks to Bruce Golden, Myra's son, for donating a teak table and 6 chairs which sold for \$100! It was beautifully "staged" with lovely dishes, goblets, placemats and a vase—all for sale! It was nonstop from set-up through the sale for two days, and the results netted **\$973** to date. Add that amount to Cara Crawford's **\$791+** virtual sale and it's almost enough to fund a second \$2000 award for our Live Your Dream Award. Neither sale incurred any expenses!

Thank you to members who donated goods to the sale...we couldn't have done it without your continued support.

And thank you to members who volunteered their time to work one or both sales: Cara Crawford, Mary Ellen Burke, Diana Langlois, Judi Dara, Helen Clarren, Mary Ellen Brayton, Dorothea Williams, Dorothy Wasinger, Bette LePouttre, Peggy Hart, Carol Hofer, Nancy Solak and Maddy Colavito. The biggest thank you goes to Laurie Jost and her husband, Peter, for being gracious hosts and feeding the workers well!



(l-r) Diana Langlois, Mary Ellen Brayton, Mary Ellen Burke, Laurie Jost, Peggy Hart

This is what happens at a Dine Around Town Raffle drawing!

Winners on next page (more photos on page 6)!

Far left: SIGP member Diana Langlois (her daughter's ticket won), and at right, SIGP member Myra Golden.



The winners of the 2019 Dine Around Town Raffle—Congratulations!

PLACE	AMOUNT	NAME	TICKET	SOLD BY:
First	\$550	Cindy Gemette	1208	Mary Ellen Brayton
Second	\$500	Justine Poutter	1470	Kathy DiCenzo
Third	\$450	Myra Golden	1554	Myra Golden
Fourth	\$400	Marisa Bennett	1489	Jane Evola
Fifth	\$350	Robbie Langlois-Smith	2599	Diana Langlois
Sixth	\$300	Margaret Wieczorek	1485	Jane Evola
Seventh	\$240	Fran Twiddy	2230	Anita Sandercott
Eighth	\$200	Renee Rodriguez	2194	Renee Rodriguez
Ninth	\$165	Ross Braun	2508	Ross Braun
Tenth	\$150	Lorie Kamm	1717	Roseanne Horne

SIGP's 11th Dine Around Town Raffle was very successful. 78% of club members sold their tickets. 13% of members sold more than 5 books. Approximately 1,640 tickets were sold. Gross income was \$6,555. Expenses for the license and printing totaled \$284. **Our total profit was \$6,271.**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER. WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO OBTAINED GIFT CERTIFICATES AS WELL AS SOLD THEIR TICKETS. GREAT JOB!!!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 5K WALK/RUN

Since our September HT 5K Walk/Run additional registration fees and donations have come in. The Board decided to sell the extra bags from the Walk/Run as a club fundraiser. The Human Trafficking Fund will only be charged for the bags used this year. The current financial results of the 5K Walk/Run is: \$4,191

Last year, our first 5K Walk/Run raised just under \$3,600, so this event is proving to be very successful. Thanks to our members and the community who supported this event. It's especially heartening since there were two other community walk/runs scheduled on the same day. The SIGP Human Trafficking Committee will decide which HT non-profit(s) to support with these funds.

**Special thanks to SIGP Treasurers
Mary Ellen Burke and Bette Lepouttre
for getting all our financials in order!**



More photos from the Dine Around Town Raffle



SIGP members Mary Ellen Brayton pulls the next winner while Mary Ellen Burke manages the barrel of raffle tickets.



SIGP member Kathy DiCenzo pulls the next winner as SIGP Treasurer Mary Ellen Burke looks on. Not shown, is SIGP's other Treasurer, Bette Lepouttre, who is recording the winners as they are announced.



SIGP member Rasheda Williams cheers the winners with bell and pom-pom.



SIGP member Ross Braun pulls reads the name of another winner.



SIGP member Jane Evola holds her winning ticket ... actually her daughter's winning ticket.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL EMBLEM

This summer there have been many discussions about the Soroptimist International emblem on the SI Chat line, the SI Facebook Friends, and One Global Voice. The original SI emblem is on a circle pin, which was given to you when you were inducted into Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe. It is still the SI emblem; however, SI of the Americas and SI of Great Britain and Ireland have created a unique registered trademark, an “S” logo to take its place. The original emblem appears to have an Anglo-Saxon woman, which is no longer viewed to be an appropriate symbol to represent the diversity of all the women Soroptimists around the world. Soroptimist International of Europe and Soroptimist International of South West Pacific, have not created a new emblem, but are advocating for a universal emblem to represent all four federations.

In the course of these discussions, Chris Knight, SI of Moreton North, Australia, has emailed everyone an extract from the Soroptimist International Articles of Association, as a reminder of exactly what it means to be a Soroptimist. She states “I would again just emphasize that the one aspect that unites us all no matter where you live in this world is the name, Soroptimist International, pure and simple.”

Amended 03.12.2018 by ballot AR03

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Preamble

Soroptimist International is a not for profit organisation first constituted as an unincorporated Association in 1928 to unite the Federations of Soroptimist International service clubs for women across the world and to promote, empower, enable and encourage the furtherance of the Objects of Soroptimist International in all parts of the world. The Soroptimist movement began with the founding of the first Soroptimist club in Oakland, California, USA in 1921.

It is a global voice for the improvement of the lives and status of women and girls through awareness, advocacy and action.

Soroptimist International is and always shall be strictly neutral upon matters of political controversy between nations, upon party politics and upon matters of religion.

Soroptimist International has an emblem, which is intended to be uniform throughout the world, and protected by the member Federations from undesirable publicity and commercial exploitation. The emblem may be used by member Federations, their constituent Clubs and individual Soroptimists to identify themselves as part of the worldwide Soroptimist International movement.

The emblem consists of a circular disc on which the figure of a woman holds the banner “Soroptimist” in uplifted arms; spreading sunrays form the background; from the banner on one side fall acorns and leaves of oak and on the other side, leaves of laurel; the word “International” completes the outer circle.

The principles of Soroptimism are to strive for:

- The advancement of the status of women;
- High ethical standards;
- Human rights for all;
- Equality, development and peace; and
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

End of Extract

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To the best of my knowledge and confirmed with SIHQ there is no SI Constitution anymore as we are now an incorporated company. (per Chris Knight)

Articles of Association on the SI website <https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/members-area/articles/>

SI also has by-laws for more specific guidance <https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/members-area/si-resources/>

Regardless of the emblem Soroptimist International women use, the title Soroptimist International symbolizes women who are committed to improving the lives of women and girls by promoting the principles as stated in the Articles of Association quoted above. We are all proud to call ourselves members of Soroptimist International.



Currently, SIGBI, SIE, and SISWP are all using the original emblem on their websites. SIA is no longer using this logo. SIA is committed to being recognized with their new emblem, as a brand.

Submitted by Mary Ellen Burke, SI of Grosse Pointe, MI, USA

SIGP Member Ghana Team '19

Three SIGP women of adventure and goodness leave for Ghana, West Africa, on November 6, 2019, headed for a remote town in the north. **Kerri Green, Rosanne Morrow**, and I will bring Days for Girls packets, medical equipment from World Medical Relief and various other donations. A fourth member of the party, Professor Irene Allen, who taught for several years in Swaziland, Africa, will join us as another member of the team.

Two special treats await us. We will visit students we support at St. Anne School. To top it off, the weekend of our stay happens to include a homecoming celebration. This means that some of the students our club has sponsored and have graduated may also be on hand. Additionally, thanks to Kerri's hard work and research, we hope to connect with Soroptimist sisters of Ghana.

We are all so grateful for the support of our Soroptimist sisters, and look forward to returning with stories and photos of our trip. Ghana, here we come.

Stay tuned.

—Carol Hofer, SIGP Member

Wanted: Live Your Dream Award Candidates (Feel free to print this and give to a woman who may be able to apply.) It is for deserving women already enrolled in a community college, university or GED program.

Ready to begin a new life?

The Soroptimist *Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women* program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.



You are eligible to apply if you:

are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents

are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program

have financial need

Apply for a *LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD* at bit.ly/LYDA-apply OR contact:

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

Name: Elizabeth Lepouttre

Email: elepouttre@gmail.com

Phone:

Online:

Club Application Deadline: November 8, 2019

Amount of Club Award: \$3000

Notes: Additional requirement for SIGP is to provide a copy of current course schedule.

Please send to email noted above. Thank you.



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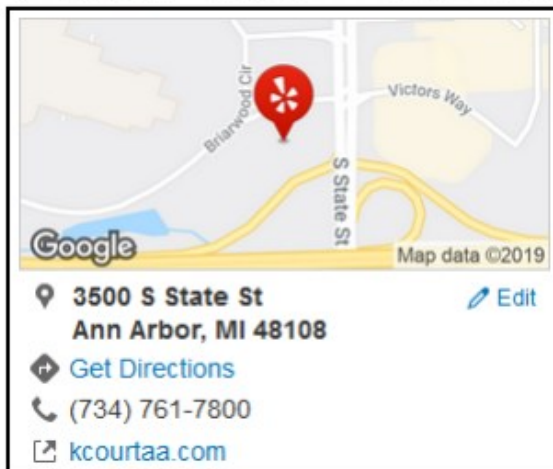


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Soroptimist Websites

Soroptimist International Midwest Region - (simwr.org)
Soroptimist International of the Americas (soroptimist.org)
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(soroptimist.org/about-us/contact-us/index.html)
For upcoming SIGP events and information, click the link
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Soroptimist Pledge

The sincerity of friendship,
The joy of achievement
The dignity of service,
The integrity of profession,
and the love of country.
I will put forth my greatest effort to
promote, uphold and defend these ideals,
for a larger fellowship in home, in society, in
business, for country and for God.



The Who's Who of SIGP's PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEES

Submit photos, club information, news, upcoming events and dates to this e-mail so the information
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MEDIA: Newspaper articles, radio PSAs, etc. Diana Langlois



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